

**Rebuilding Agricultural Markets Program (RAMP)
Activities by Province in Afghanistan
January 2006**

Baghlan

Kunduz/Baghlan Irrigation Rehabilitation, JO#03- Project Completed. DAI cleaned, widened and de-silted 51 km of canals in drains, and rehabilitated 35 km of farm-to-market roads in Baghlan.

Locust Control for Increased Agricultural Production in Northern Afghanistan, JO#30: - Project Completed. In 2005, FAO implemented emergency locust control activities in northern Afghanistan and renovated the laboratory of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Department (PPQD) in the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food (MAAHF). PPQD laboratory is located in Kabul.

Locust Control for Increased Agricultural Production in Northern Afghanistan, JO# 31: - Project Completed. In 2005, GOAL implemented a program to mitigate the impact of Moroccan locusts on rural livelihoods in Northern Afghanistan. Key activities included the chemical control of locusts with the provision of technical support, plastic sheeting, nets, barrels for water, ploughs and tents; monitoring of locust-infested sites and program advances through constant feedback, crop damage assessments, and locust egg-bed surveys; and final evaluation and provision of data for the locust database, the FAO, and AIMS.

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Balkh

Balkh Irrigation System Rehabilitation/Construction: Survey and Design Component, JO#53: HAFO, NESPAK and ACLU have been conducting surveys, investigations and designing irrigation and river structures in Balkh Province. Designs and contract documents produced through these purchase orders have been issued as tender documents for the receipt of competitive bids for construction of irrigation and river works. Bid evaluations have been completed and contractor selection is to be made during January 2006.

Road Rehabilitation in Balkh, JO#17: - Project Completed AREA rehabilitated 100 km of road in Balkh province, improving main transportation routes leading to the main bazaar and local markets.

Road Rehabilitation in Balkh, JO#38: PRB (working with KRA) is rehabilitating 22.025 kms of roadway that carries traffic from Kod Barq toward Sholgera City in Sholgera district of Balkh province.

Road Rehabilitation in Balkh, JO#38: KRA (working with PRB) is rehabilitating 19.775 kms of roadway and structures from kilometer 22.025 to kilometer 41.8 of the road that carries traffic from Kod Barq (km 22.025) toward Sholgera City in Sholgera District of Balkh Province.

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Ghazni

Village Women's Poultry Production and Market Development, JO#05: FAO is providing training in improved poultry care and production to over 28,000 village women, and is introducing poultry income generating activities to open new markets for the surplus eggs.

Bridge Construction in Aga Khil, JO#14- Project Completed. AREA reconstructed the bridge (24 meters long, 3 meters high with 42 culverts) near Aga Khil in Wardak which connected Ghazni-Hazarajat market centers. Also, 42 km of road has been rehabilitated including 42 washes and culverts.

Ghazni Rural Support Program (GRSP)-Repair of Ghazni-Meray Access Road, JO#19: - Project Completed GRSP has rehabilitated 27.4 km of Loman Qarabagh road in Ghazni province. This road is used for exporting cash crops and agricultural products from Ghazni, Jaghuri, Ghazni, Malistan, Arjistan and Shahrstan. The completion of this road essentially completes this regional road net with the main Kabul to Kandahar highway.

Ghazni Rural Support Program (GRSP), Road Rehabilitation in Malistan and Jaghuri Districts, JO#22: - Project Completed GRSP rehabilitated and upgraded 55 km of roads in the Malistan and Jaghuri districts in Ghazni Province.

Grain Postharvest Storage, Milling, Processing and Market Development, JO#28: GIA is providing training opportunities and demonstration sites for grain cleaning, storage and handling of grain, developing community level storage sites, full scale farm demonstration units and small farm demonstration units. Additionally, GIA is working with other RAMP partners to establish a network of refrigerated storage and transport facilities to reduce spoilage rates of fresh produce.

Virus-free Potato Seed Production and Market Development, JO#06:- ICARDA and its subcontractors are providing technical guidance in needs assessment, machinery and equipment needs, purchase of start-up inputs, and training for virus-free potato seed production, multiplication, storage and marketing.

Village-Based Seed Enterprises, JO#07: ICARDA is developing village-based seed enterprises (VBSE) as well as conducting market surveys/needs assessments and providing technical guidance in appropriate machinery and equipment usage, procurement of start-up inputs, and training for virus-free potato seed production, multiplication, storage and marketing.

On-Farm Crop Demonstrations and Best Practices, JO#08: ICARDA is developing demonstration plots in farmer's fields throughout the 5 provinces to facilitate the rapid diffusion and adoption of new technologies, improved and adapted varieties, improved field irrigation management practices, and appropriate crop management.

Protected Agriculture, JO#09:- ICARDA is introducing protected agriculture for cash crop production in marginal and water deficit areas of Afghanistan. The project is promoting the adoption of affordable and sustainable protected agricultural systems to produce high value crops, using marginal or otherwise non-productive lands and water more efficiently, by establishing a central demonstration and training site within Kabul and by installing simple greenhouse structures at selected pilot sites with participating farmers.

Agri-Input Dealer Training and Development, JO# 24: IFDC is training 2,000 agri-input dealers, improving market transparency through analysis and dissemination of market information, develop business linkages between Afghan and regional suppliers of agri-inputs and establish five private sector associations of agri-input dealers.

Grape Production Improvement, Agricultural Production, Processing and Market Development, JO#29:- RoP is providing extension services for Afghan grape farmers and training for MAAHF extension agents, developing model farms for best practices, creating market/collection centers, improving grape vine propagation; establishing Farmer Owned Businesses; and promoting commercial sales management to re-establish and develop local, regional, and international markets. Roots of Peace has assisted Afghanistan increase its exports of fresh fruit by helping local traders enter new markets and expand sales in existing markets in the region. Roots of Peace activities have led to exports to the following markets: India, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates (Dubai).

Herat

Western Afghanistan Irrigation Rehabilitation Project: Survey and Design Component, JO#27: CRS, BCRC, ARAO, and QCC have been conducting a range irrigation surveys and designing irrigation structures/bridges in Herat province. The deliverables produced through these purchase orders contribute to the construction components carried out by other Implementing Partners contracted to rehabilitate irrigation systems in Herat.

Western Afghanistan Irrigation Rehabilitation Project, JO#27: BDCIS reconstructing two aqueducts (Trishriza 1 and 2) as well as an RCC aqueduct at Kurt Khujanur along the Guzara Canal. Also BDCIS is repairing the Kurte Soflak Paymala Awal aqueduct.

Western Afghanistan Irrigation Rehabilitation Project, JO#27: BDCIS has designed and constructed 6 bridges, and designed 4 aqueducts and 1 siphon for the Guzara and Injil canals in Herat province.

Western Afghanistan Irrigation Rehabilitation Project, JO#27: RAFA is constructing water control and sediment flush out structures for Injil and Haft Qulb Canals in Herat province.

Western Afghanistan Irrigation Rehabilitation Project, JO#27: - EACC is reconstructing/rehabilitating 4 bridges – Chal Nashin, Khalifa, Ghazi, and Molay Moazen - on the Guzara canal in Herat province.

Western Afghanistan Irrigation Rehabilitation Project, JO#27: STAAR is constructing the Band-e-Rig Siphon to carry the flow of the Injil Canal under this large dry wash that carries high flood flows several times each year.

Western Afghanistan Irrigation Rehabilitation Project, JO#27: TCC is constructing 3 water dividers and 31 outlets from Station 20+622 up to Station 25+951 of the Injil canal in Herat province.

Western Afghanistan Irrigation Rehabilitation Project, JO#27A: ARAO is constructing 2 retaining walls, 2 water dividers and 15 outlets from Station 20+622 up to Station 25+951 of the Injil canal in Herat province.

Western Afghanistan Agribusiness Program, JO#27: - **Project Completed.** CRS was working to create new market opportunities for three high-value crops (tomato, saffron, cumin) and provide related technical assistance to producers and agricultural processors in Herat province. CRS established crop-specific Technical Working Groups (TWG) to conduct market assessments, disseminate market information, and facilitate business contracts among stakeholders for targeted crops, and provided training in food safety and quality standards for producer groups and traders; market opportunity identification and market supply chain analysis for producer groups and TWGs; crop improvement, processing technologies, handling and transport for producer groups.

Road Rehabilitation in Herat: Survey and Design, JO#38: - ARAO is conducting a survey and design of 43 km of roads around Gzarah and Enjil canals including two bridges, each with an approximate length of 13 meters and 7 meters.

Helmand

Agricultural Production, Processing and Market Development, JO# 23: CADG is establishing demonstration farms, contract growing of selected crops, and providing technical assistance and expertise in the areas of agriculture, processing and marketing, application of technologies to crop development, and implementation of drip irrigation plots.

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Infrastructure to Support Agriculture, JO#43: **Project Completed.** DAI completed dredging of more than one-half the major drains of the Middle Helmand Irrigation system of 100,000 hectares before moving north to clean and rehabilitate the Ab Qul and gurgurak canals of Baghlan province. Additionally DAI cleaned pockets of sediment from the Boghra Canal between km 30+000 and 70+000.

Helmand Institution Building and Advisory Services in Support of Alternative Livelihoods Campaign, JO#44: DAI is working at the national level to design the organizational structure and chartering of water user associations. The project is designed to empower water users to become self financing for operation, maintenance and management of canal and drainage systems from the farm gate to the river intake.

Alternative Incomes Project, JO#46: **Project Discontinued for Security Concerns.** AIP, implemented by Chemonics International was an integral part of USAID/Kabul's Alternative Livelihoods Strategy for Afghanistan. In close consultation with all levels of the Afghan government, communities and donor agencies, and in support of the larger government of Afghanistan counter-narcotic initiative, AIP managed labor-intensive cash-for-work infrastructure projects and community development grants supporting economically-viable alternatives to poppy production. Although AIP's cash-for-work component was absorbed by and now managed by ALP/S, RAMP continued to manage the community development grants implemented by Mercy Corps, INTERSOS, and VARA.

Project to Support Income Generation and Agricultural Training, JO#46: **Project Completed.** Through AIP, Mercy Corps International provided vocational training in agricultural and poultry production, and to produced agricultural radio programs to raise awareness in best practices for food processing and domestic agriculture activities.

Helmand Alternative Income Opportunities Program, JO#46: - **Project Completed.** Through AIP, INTERSOS facilitated vocational training programs for approximately 300 men and women residing at the Mokhtar Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camp.

Income Generating & Construction Activities for Sustainable Livelihood in Helmand, JO#46: VARA is providing vocational training in agriculture and poultry production and tailoring; and constructing two community centers for women in Nad-e-Ali and Grishk regions of Helmand.

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Kabul

Direct Seedling Agriculture Project - JO#08B:- IAM is examining effectiveness of using John Deere direct seeders for dry land wheat production at a six sites in Kabul and Kunduz provinces.

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Green Kabul Program, Reforestation, JO#32: - Project Completed. UNOPS procured and distributed approximately 1 million trees throughout Kabul. Its key activities included: planting fruit and forestry trees in various public locations throughout Kabul, including schools, government buildings, parks, roadsides, and the Kabul Green Belt; organizing Kabul Green Week activities, including public events, children's activities, receptions, entertainment, and education; and coordinating an ongoing public information campaign to raise public awareness of environmental issues in Afghanistan.

Kandahar

Check Dam Construction, JO#02: - Project Completed. CADG constructed two check dams, Islam Dara II (Ghorak district) and Tangriz (Khakraz district) to store the flow of rainwater runoff, and to recharge aquifers and karezes.

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Fil Koh Chute Irrigation Repair, JO#33: **Project Completed.** GULSAN-Cucurova assessed the damage and repaired the Fil Koh chute in Kandahar province to avoid disruption of irrigation for the South Canal area of the Arghandab irrigation system.

Kunduz

Road Rehabilitation in Kunduz, JO#04: - **Project Completed.** KRA rehabilitated 24.1 km of secondary roads in Khanabad district and constructed a 390 m gabion protection wall for the Khanabad Dam.

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Reconstruction of Road Infrastructure in Kunduz, JO# 20: PRB rehabilitated 55.9 km. of primary and secondary roads in Imam Sahib district.

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Qasim Ali to Sayed Ahmed Road Rehabilitation, JO# 49: KRA is upgrading and widening 7.2 kilometers of the Qasim Ali to Sayed Ahmed tertiary road in Aliabad district.

Kunduz Road Construction: Survey and Design, JO# 38: PRB is surveying and designing 25.5 km of roads in Khanabad and Ali-Abad districts.

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Kanday Road Rehabilitation, JO#11: -**Project Completed.** MADERA rehabilitated a 300 meter section of the main road washed out between Jalalabad and Asadabad and constructed river training works to avoid future disruption of traffic serving this area of intense agricultural activity.

Improving Irrigation Systems & Water Management, JO#18: - **Project Completed.** RSSA rebuilt a series of structures at the tail portion (6,000 ha) of the Nangahar Valley Development Authority irrigation system. Canals were destroyed more than a decade ago and villages had repeatedly flooded. As a result of this project, more than 5,000 farm families were able to resettle their lands in Nangarhar Province.

Irrigation Rehabilitation in Khewa District of Nangarhar, JO# 21: - **Project Completed.** STAAR completed rehabilitation of 30 km of canals in Khewa district of Nangarhar province and built canal intakes along the Kunar River at Koti Taran and Shigee. Works were built to protect canals from overland floods.

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Agricultural Produce Market Centers, JO# 34: **Project Completed.** RI built small market collection centers (MCCs) at 19 locations in Nangarhar to provide shade for produce gathered from fields at harvest.

Reclaiming Salinized and Waterlogged Farmland in Nangarhar Province - JO# 35: F Hope is clearing trees and vegetation and dredging silt deposits from 114 kilometers of blocked drains of the Kama area and from the NVDA system of Nangarhar Province.

Improving Market Access Through Road Construction, JO# 36: **Project Completed.** HADF and RI collectively rehabilitated 44.5 km of road in Kama district of Nangarhar province.

Irrigation System Protection, JO#36: RSSA conducted a survey of 5 km length of road and canal that was damaged by floods between 1980 and 2003, and subsequently rehabilitated 3,100 meters of road, canal and flood embankment along sub canal #29, and constructed water distributions systems and stabilization of damaged portions of the left embankment of the wash in Nangarhar province.

Road Rehabilitation in Nangahar, JO#36: ABR is rehabilitating 24.15 km of road in Pachir Wa Agam district of Nangarhar province.

Road Rehabilitation in Nangahar, JO#36: DCG is rehabilitating 26.8 km of road in Behsood and Shinwa districts of Nangarhar province.

Road Rehabilitation in Nangahar, JO#38: Project Completed. AfghanAid rehabilitated 5 km of road between Saiphon and Lagarjoi in Nangarhar Province.
Road Rehabilitation in Nangahar, JO#38: AACC is rehabilitating 21.3 km of road in Sherzad and Khogiani districts of Nangahar province.
Road Rehabilitation in Nangahar, JO#38: HADF is rehabilitating 13 km of road in Kama district of Nangarhar province.
Nangarhar Emergency Wheat Seed Distribution, JO#48: In response to an emergency request from the Governor of Nangahar, ICARDA, RI, IFDC, IFHope, RSSA, and STAAR implemented a quick impact wheat seed distribution program in 23 districts of the province.
Parwan
Shamali Plains Road and Canal Rehabilitation, JO#10: - Project Completed. ACTED has rehabilitated 25.6 km of secondary roads and de-silted and widened 20 kms of the Charikar canal in Shomali plains region
Shamali Plains Dam Reconstruction, JO#15: - Project Completed. RAFA has completed the design and reconstruction of three water diversion dams along the Ghorband River.
Rehabilitation of Irrigation Systems in Parwan, JO#16: RAFA is constructing five water diversion dams on the Salang/Ghorband river to provide water to five canals that provide water for most of the agricultural land in Parwan province.
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Dried Vegetable Production, Processing and Market Development, JO#26: - DWC is developing dried vegetable agribusiness that includes the construction of a 6,200 square foot dehydration factory to be used for cleaning, dicing, and drying machinery, a warehouse, a small test laboratory, a classroom for the research farm and training opportunities, and a 70 meter borehole to provide clean water for washing produce and irrigating the research farm.
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Microfinance Investment and Support Facility Afghanistan, JO#01:- Project Completed. This was a \$5 million grant to the Ministry of Reconstruction and Rural Development (MRRD) that channeled funds to the Microfinance Investment and Support Facility Afghanistan (MISFA) - an umbrella fund that nationally supports microfinance institutions (MFIs) offering a range of financial services to those unable to access reliable sources of loan capital. MISFA financed an array of institutions that implemented an assortment of microfinance approaches in order to test their applicability in Afghanistan. This is a World Bank supported activity.

Livestock Health, Production and Marketing Improvement, JO#13: DCA is creating a national network of private veterinary field units in all 380 districts of Afghanistan. The immediate goal of the project is to prevent further deterioration of the animal health services system already in place and to arrange for immediate vaccination and preventive treatment campaigns. The mid-term goal of the project, with a focus on business development and strengthening the organizational structure, is to enable the VFU-system to grow towards an independent, self-supporting system of provision of animal health services at village level. The longer term goal of the project is to improve livelihoods and food security in project areas by contributing to the improved health and productive capacity of local livestock

The Afghan Renewal Fund (The Fund), JO# 39: The purpose of this Grant is to fund a contribution to the Afghanistan Renewal Fund, a venture capital fund to be managed by Acap Partners. The Fund will create a finance delivery mechanism to fulfill the unmet financing needs of small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Primarily, the investments will be made in the major cities of Kabul, Herat, Mazar-i-Sharif and Jalalabad.

The Afghanistan International Bank (AIB), Small and Medium Enterprise Loans, JO#40: - This revolving credit facility through AIB undertakes to extend medium and large sized loans in the range of US\$50,000 to \$500,000 to agri-enterprises. AIB's credit facility is available nationwide and to-date loans have been approved for entrepreneurs located in Kabul, Kunduz, Faryab, Herat and Baghlan.

Business Mentoring Pilot Project, JO# 41: - **Project Completed.** UNDP's Business Mentoring Program will assist with a variety of activities, including designing an efficient program with a revenue stream; profiling the agribusiness' current depth of skills and needs for additional capacity; and identifying appropriate experts to deliver specific technical assistance. The program will deepen enterprise skills to improve the business' ability to comply with the conditions of the loan/lease.

Business Development Services, JO#41: - Flag International is providing Business Development Services (BDS) to Afghan agribusinesses with the goal of supporting their access to credit in support of RAMP's ongoing projects. The Subcontractor will target small and medium sized agribusinesses along the value chain and offer BDS services to Afghan agribusiness to access loans, leases, equity and post-finance assistance in order to grow their businesses.

The Afghanistan Finance Company (AFC), JO#42: - The AFC will be a leasing credit delivery mechanism to fulfill the unmet financing needs of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), specifically in the agricultural sector. The primary aim will be to finance SME activities along the value chains that are receiving support through RAMP funded projects. Primarily, the financing will be in the major cities of Kabul, Herat, Mazar-i-Sharif, Kunduz and Jalalabad.

International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC), Agriculture Input Supply Program - JO#52: - IFDC procured and coordinated the distribution of 500,000 technical packages of improved wheat, potato, and onion along with vouchers redeemable for fertilizer, subject to repayment.

Agriculture Sector Training in Afghanistan, JO#52: - IALC is providing education on the sustainable management and restoration of arid and semi-arid lands in Afghanistan by funding post-graduate Masters degree programs for 10 Afghan agriculturalists through the University of Peshawar, Pakistan.

